



# 5th District e-Newsletter

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## Bullet Points of Interest:

- The Division of Waste Management will adjust its collection schedule for the upcoming Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. Residents who normally receive Monday pick-up from the division will be serviced on Wednesday, January 21st. No collection will be made on the holiday (Monday, January 19). Residents who normally receive pick-up on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays will be serviced as usual.

Residents who normally receive Monday pick-up should place their Herbies, Rosies and Lennies out after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20th, to ensure collection the next day.

Businesses that have city waste management services for their dumpsters (landfill-bound and recycling) that normally receive pick-up on Mondays will have their units picked up on Tuesday, January 20th. Businesses normally having pickups on Tuesdays will have their units picked up on Wednesday, January 21st. Thursday and Friday pick-ups will be made as usual.

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government offices will be closed on the holiday. For more information, contact Lex-Call at 311 or (859) 425-2255.

## New Year Means New Asks for the 5th District

Dear Neighbor,  
This issue is dedicated to faces that perhaps you haven't seen before. We're profiling our new Council Members and even here is the Mayor swearing in our new Chief of Police Mark Barnard on Monday! I know at last night's Council meeting several of us posed for new head shots. Here's hoping he got all of our good sides!

The committee, work session and Council meetings had the slight air of a shakedown cruise. New folks. New seats. Microphones, cameras and all the meeting hardware. All went well and seems fine. As a reminder you can stream old content or live meetings through the city website. (Click [here](#) to go to the GTV3 page.)

I had my first budget meeting with the Mayor this week too. It was kind of a broad brush first effort toward gathering priorities. The meeting was quite constructive. I left him with several thoughts.

First, the need for more and more consistent paving funding both for arterial and neighborhood streets. We have done great work over the last couple of years of paving; but we were behind so there's still a long list of needed repaving projects. I'm always glad to hear your suggestions.

I am continuing my work to bring restrooms to Lansdowne-Merrick Park. The addition in recent years of walk and exercise stations, ball fields and tennis courts shows the level of interest and usage in the park. A place to use the bathroom seems only proper.

This budget should also see the funding completed for the replacement of Fire Station #2 from north New Circle Road to Eastland Drive near Chase Bank. A net gain for all!

After the success of the Tate's Creek Road sidewalks, I've asked the administration to consider some sort of sidewalk treatment for Liberty Road from its beginning point to New Circle Road. It's not quite the State road that Tate's Creek Road is, but it's heavily pedestrian-traveled with cars and trucks all in close proximity.

I've had requests for a traffic signal at Alumni and Lakeside Drive for years. I am asking the administration for diligence on that need now and hopefully the funds to remedy the intersection as needed. All of this is an early first pass and there is certainly more to come!

One interesting item on last night's docket was the first reading of the agreements needed to begin the sidewalk and pedestrian upgrade for Liberty Road at Winchester. This would repair the storm water drop and define the roadway from the sidewalk and the private property there. What a great thing.

With new hands on deck we are off to a great start!

Enjoy the weekend, the Dr. Martin Luther King holiday and the opening of the new Kroger in Chevy Chase!



Chief of Police Mark Barnard was sworn in by Mayor Gray on Monday.

My best,  
Bill

# Meet Our New Council Members!

## Council Member Jake Gibbs, 3rd District

Jake Gibbs is the new Council Member for the 3<sup>rd</sup> district. A native of Troy, NY, Lexington has been his home for 36 years. He teaches history and logic at the BCTC. A former co-owner of Alfalfa restaurant, he understands and supports locally-owned businesses. He looks forward to working to encourage more affordable housing and retail downtown. Making Lexington more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly is high on his agenda.



*Council Member Gibbs and his family reside in Bell Court.*

Jake is married to nutrition advocate, Anita Courtney. They have two daughters, Delia and Delaney Gibbs. Delia works at Lexington Community Radio Now and West 6th Brewing Company. Delaney is a senior at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. The Courtney-Gibbs family resides in the Bell Court Neighborhood. The family includes two cats and three chickens.

## Council Member Susan Lamb, 4th District

Susan Lamb is serving her first term representing the Fourth District. Although newly-elected, Council Member Lamb has extensive knowledge in the processes, challenges and policies affecting Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) and its citizens. Council Member Lamb worked 27½ years for LFUCG, including service in Economic Development and as Deputy Council Clerk for 17 years prior to being appointed Council Clerk in 2008. Throughout her career, she has been instrumental in updating, maintaining, and securing the best possible services for the public and elected officials, and she strives to continue this commitment as a Council Member.



*Council Member Lamb will serve as Council Parliamentarian.*

## Council Member Angela Evans, 6th District

Angela C. Evans is serving her first term as Council Member of the 6th District. After receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work with honors from Clark Atlanta, Council Member Evans attended the University of Tennessee, College of Law, where she received her Juris Doctorate in 2000 and was awarded the Dean's Citation for exemplary service to the College of Law.



*Council Member Evans served on the Lexington Ethics Commission for six years.*

Prior to her election in 2015, she served as an Assistant Attorney General of Kentucky for six years, providing legal services to various state agencies. She also served as General Counsel to the Kentucky Secretary of State. Council Member Evans began her legal career as a Public Defender in Lexington, Kentucky, representing indigent clients in misdemeanor and felony court. She also served on the Ethics Commission for several years.

## Council Member Fred Brown, 8th District

Fred Brown previously served the 8th Council District for 11 Years from 1994 through 2004, during which he chaired two standing Council committees. He is a Certified Public Accountant practicing in the area of accounting and auditing of governmental agencies. Brown's accounting experience aided in the budget process.



*Public safety is a high priority for Council Member Brown.*

Council Member Brown supports more green-space and improved park maintenance. He also supports road repairs and resurfacing in a timely manner, and better traffic management to help solve traffic congestion. He supports adding a fourth police sector location and adding police and fire personnel. He is married and has three daughters and six grandchildren. He has lived in the 8th District for 36 years.



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## Details for the District

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### Amanda Mays Bledsoe, 10th District

Amanda Mays Bledsoe's family has lived in the 10th District in southwest Lexington for four generations. As a Senior Policy Analyst with the Council of State Governments, she worked in a nonpartisan manner with elected officials from all over the country on some of the most critical challenges facing state and local governments today. This included working in cooperation with the private sector to identify successful ways government can create a business-friendly environment so entrepreneurs can create jobs and economic opportunity.

Amanda worked on projects related to state environmental and international trade policy, including negotiating agreements and sharing best practices with the US Environmental Protection Agency and the US Agency for International Development. Additionally, Amanda worked on broader policy trends in state and local government including the changing roles of government and public safety issues. Amanda continued that commitment to public safety later as an adjunct faculty instructor at both Midway College and the Bluegrass Community and Technical College. She was responsible for teaching courses on homeland security where she had the chance to directly train first-responders on the roles of government at all levels in emergency preparedness and disaster management.

Amanda has also been involved with a number of community organizations, all of which focus on serving our neighbors in need, especially women and children. Such involvement has included providing free, quality health care for at-risk women as the 2009 Chair of the Board of the Assurance Care Center.

Amanda invests in the next generation by serving as a Board member of the Christian Student Fellowship at the University of Kentucky. She has also worked to support fathers and daughters in Lexington by co-founding Her Knight Dance, which raises funds for parenting initiatives in Central Kentucky. With degrees in both Philosophy and Classical Studies from Hillsdale College, Amanda received her Master's degree in International Affairs/National Security Policy from the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky. She and her husband, Todd, have two children and are actively involved at Southland Christian Church.



*Council Member Bledsoe's family has a history of community involvement.*

### Richard Moloney, Council Member At-Large

Richard Moloney, a Lexington native, returns to the Urban County Government to serve citizens as a Council Member At-Large. A former Council Member elected to represent the 11th District, Moloney served seven terms over a twenty year period; a time span covering 4 mayors, 6 vice mayors and 45 council members.

Moloney also served as Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Environmental Quality and Public Works for Mayor Gray. Prior to that, he led the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction under the Beshear Administration.

Moloney will serve on three committees: Budget and Finance, Environmental Quality and Public Works, and General Government and Social Services.



*Council Member At-Large Moloney brings a host of political experience to the Council Office.*

The 5<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter is distributed via e-mail to any Lexington resident. I encourage leaders of the 31 active neighborhood associations in the 5<sup>th</sup> District to provide input for the newsletter and to distribute the newsletter to their members. Anyone wishing to receive the newsletter may contact the 5<sup>th</sup> District Council office via e-mail at [bfarmer@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:bfarmer@lexingtonky.gov). If you wish to unsubscribe to the newsletter, e-mail [jgies@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:jgies@lexingtonky.gov).



# SAVE THE DATE

## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY CELEBRATION JANUARY 19, 2015



## MLK TODAY: THE COURAGE TO CHANGE FREEDOM MARCH, PROGRAM, AND FILM

Join us on Monday, January 19 at Heritage Hall in the Lexington Convention Center for a FREE event celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Freedom March will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Commemorative Holiday Program will be held in Heritage Hall at 11:00 a.m.

The theme for this year's program is *MLK Today: The Courage To Change*. This year's special keynote presenter is the legendary Susan L. Taylor. After 27 years as the chief editor of *Essence* magazine and the visionary credited with building the brand, Ms. Taylor left publishing to establish the National CARES Mentoring Movement, a national initiative devoted to providing quality mentoring support to young people, moving them closer to hope and healing.

Following the program, there will be a FREE showing of *Red Tails* at the Kentucky Theater, located at 214 East Main Street at 2:30 p.m. courtesy of One World Films. The film showing is free and open to the public.



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: [WWW.UKY.EDU/MLK](http://WWW.UKY.EDU/MLK)**





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# RED TAILS

Taking place in Italy in 1944, World War II is taking its toll on Allied Forces. A squadron of highly skilled black pilots known as the Tuskegee Airmen are finally given the chance to prove themselves in the sky even as they battle discrimination on the ground. Featuring incredible aerial action, RED TAILS is a tribute to the unsung heroes who rose above extraordinary challenges and soared into history. Actors Cuba Gooding, Jr. and Terrence Howard star in the film. Ron Spriggs, local historian and Tuskegee Airman aficionado, will introduce the film at the Kentucky Theater at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, January 19th. It is free and open to the public. This showing of RED TAILS is made possible by a grant from Lexington Directions, a local civic organization.